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against the proposal, there will be lots of other alternatives, but I think they ought to have an opportunity to do decide if they want to change their mind on how this student will function on the Board of Regents or on the governing bodies. I think they ought to be able to vote with that separately. I think what Senator Warner has done as the author of the committee amendments is chosen a way in which they can be stated better. Again, I would say that Senator Hall and Senator Moore, if it had been drafted in this initial fashion, they would have been ecstatic about the...well, maybe ecstasy is a little strong word, but they would have been pleased with having the matter brought before the body. It's never gotten out of committee before, as far as I can remember. It's out of committee. It's to be considered. All we're doing is saying probably the proper way to consider it is separate from the rest of the resolution. So I support the Warner amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman. Excuse me, Senator McFarland, followed by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The concept of this amendment is a good one and I think Senator Warner has focused on an issue that could have been a problem had we just passed the LR 239CA and then LB 1141 in the form that we have recommended, because there would be a question, I suppose, of whether you could delegate by statute voting authority to a student on the board of trustees. And this amendment, in concept of trying to make it clear in the Constitution that, in fact, yes, by constitutional provision you're allowing the student member to have a vote on the board of trustees is a good one. I commend him for being observant and finding that. And, for that reason, I think this amendment is worthy of consideration. However, I do not plan to vote for the amendment and I would encourage you not to vote for this particular amendment, for the reason that I don't see it as two distinct issues. There are a lot of issues that are separate and distinct within the LB 1141 and within the constitutional amendment itself. When we discussed in the Education Committee the idea that a student would have a right to vote as a member of the board of trustees, there was no discussion that I recall whatsoever about making it a separate issue on the constitutional amendments. As a matter of fact, I think it was probably an oversight on the Education Committee's part not to have included that as a part of the constitutional amendment. As I recall our discussion in the Education Committee, we